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CPA 16 NM off the UAR coast.

Inventory of submarines in the area: 6 or 7 Soviet, 13 UAR, 3 Israeli. We have nothing to indicate a submarine was involved.

The Pentagon has sent message to 6th fleet: "Use whatever force necessary to protect LIBERTY". Units of the 6th Fleet are steaming with all speed to the area.

Background on the LIBERTY: It is a converted old Liberty ship with one engine, 2 boiler rooms, only 1 screw. Five water tight holds plus the 3 power areas (8 water tight areas). Very vulnerable to a hit like this and will be lucky if still has power.

No further word from LIBERTY.

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